

CLAIMS PENDING AS OF THE AMENDMENT OF 9 SEPTEMBER 2003

1. (Amended twice) A combination comprising:

a) at least one adhesive sheet comprising a top adhesive face, a bottom adhesive face, and four sides; and

b) a pack enclosing said at least one adhesive sheet a UV-impermeable material applied to at least each of said faces or entirely enclosing said at least one adhesive sheet;

wherein said at least one of said top adhesive face and said bottom adhesive face adhesive sheet comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive composition based on an elastomer resin on one or both sides; and

wherein said at least one adhesive sheet can be released from a substrate to which it has been adhered by stretching said at least one adhesive sheet in the direction of the bond formed between said at least one adhesive sheet and said substrate; and

wherein the said pack is UV-impermeable, and comprises at least one of the following:

i) sheet-like liner materials covering all exposed regions of said pressure sensitive adhesive composition at least one UV-impermeable release liner sheet applied to and covering at least said top adhesive face and said bottom adhesive face over their entire adhesive areas;

ii) an individual package enclosing said adhesive sheet, said individual package comprising transparent packing elements a UV-impermeable individual adhesive sheet package comprising a package of UV-impermeable material completely enclosing one of said adhesive sheets in UV-impermeable material; and

iii) an outer package enclosing a plurality of said adhesive sheets, a UV-impermeable outer package comprising an outer package of UV-impermeable material completely enclosing at least one of said adhesive sheets in UV-impermeable material, wherein said outer package further comprises at least one transparent packing element.

2. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 240–280 nm is below 2%.

3. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the sheetlike liner materials and/or the outer package and/or the individual package are partly or fully transparent.

4. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 3, wherein the transparent sheetlike liner materials and/or the outer package and/or the individual package are partly or fully colored.

5. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the sheetlike liner materials have been formulated to be adhesive in a contact region with the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition.

6. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 5, wherein the sheetlike liner materials in the contact region with the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprise a silicone release agent.

7. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the outer package comprises a sealing film, a sealing paper, or a metal foil.

8. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which comprises an individual package wherein the individual pack comprises a transparent packaging film.

9. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein said at least one adhesive sheet has pressure-sensitive adhesive composition on both sides.

10. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprises natural rubber or synthetic rubber.

11. (Previously presented) A method of packaging at least one adhesive sheet comprising

- a) providing at least one adhesive sheet and a pack and
- b) enclosing said at least one adhesive sheet in said pack,

wherein said at least one adhesive sheet comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive composition based on an elastomer resin on one or both sides; and

wherein said at least one adhesive sheet can be released from a substrate to which it has been adhered by stretching said at least one adhesive sheet in the direction of the bond formed between said at least one adhesive sheet and said substrate; and

wherein said pack is UV-impermeable, and comprises at least one of:

i) sheet-like liner materials covering regions of said pressure sensitive adhesive composition;

ii) an individual package enclosing said adhesive sheet, said individual package comprising transparent packaging elements; and

iii) an outer package enclosing a plurality of said adhesive sheets.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising storing at least one adhesive sheet in said pack.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising transporting at least one adhesive sheet in said pack.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising selling at least one adhesive sheet in said pack.

15. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 2, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 280-320 nm is below 1%.

16. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 280-320 nm is below 2%.

17. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 16, which is UV-impermeable

such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 280-320 nm is below 1%.

18. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 320-360 nm is below 5%.

19. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 18, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 320-360 nm is below 2%.

20. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 360-420 nm is below 80%.

21. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 20, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 360-420 nm is below 20%.

22. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 20, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 360-420 nm is below 2%.

23. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 5, wherein sheetlike liner materials comprise a release paper or a release film.

24. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 10, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprises styrene block copolymers.